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MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT : Your Paper entitled "Intelligence Analysis of
Military Production in the USSR"

1. I have had your paper reviewed by the editors of the series about which I spoke to you in August. They believe that your subject is one which they would definitely wish to have discussed in the series; however, the present form of your paper is not acceptable.

2. Your discussion covers much of the same ground that Max Millikan and I cover in our joint paper on "Economic Intelligence--Theory and Practice". This criticism is considerably tempered by the fact that you had not seen our paper. I believe that you should rethink your paper along lines subsumed under a rewording of your title as follows: "Military-Economic Study of the USSR". You need not spend so much time on sources and methods, but more time on reflection on (a) what information the policy planner must have on the military sector of the economy of the USSR, (b) how should that information be presented--as a capabilities-vulnerabilities-intentions study, as a tabulation by equipment type, (c) both, or (d) some other means.

3. In other words, get your thinking above the analyst level and make yourself a consumer who has been through the analyst level. If I do not make myself clear, please write back. You should not feel that your first effort was a total loss because there are many parts which can be revamped for the new paper.

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